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TOPIC Military Information from Gera

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REMARKS

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1. Between 31 August and 12 September 1953, the Reuss Kaserne in Gera was occupied by a rear detail of about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training other than physical training was observed. Trucks B 9-67-97, B 9-67-99, C 7-96-38 and C 7-96-91 were seen en route to the installation.<sup>1</sup>

2. Between 31 August and 12 September, the barracks installation in Gera-Tinz was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. that 3 T-34/85 tanks, 3 SU-100 guns and 6 SU-76 guns were in the installation. The unit stationed in the installation continually received instruction on these vehicles, including aiming practice. Truck B 7-67-00 was seen entering the installation.<sup>2</sup>

3. Between 20 August and 2 September, the Reuss Kaserne was occupied by about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with artillery insignia. Source did not observe any training activity. Trucks C 4-71-14 and /2-16-89 were seen en route to the installation.<sup>1</sup>

4. Between 20 August and 2 September, the barracks installation in Gera-Tinz was occupied by about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. At 7 a.m. on 27 August, two SP guns went to the railroad station for entraining. Trucks B 8-17-53, /4-39-66 and /4-39-79 were seen en route to the installation.<sup>2</sup>

5. At 12:15 p.m. on 20 August, 1 JS-1 tank, 1 JS-3 tank, 2 T-34/85 tanks, 3 guns, presumably JSU-152 guns; 3 guns, presumably SU-85 guns and 1 SU-76 gun, all without numbers, left the barracks installation in Gera-Tinz for the railroad station. At 7:30 p.m., the loaded train, which consisted of 11 SS-type flatcars carrying the abovementioned track-laying vehicles; 13 boxcars, occupied by about 300 troops; 5 boxcars of ammunition, and 8 flatcars with siderracks carrying 6 trucks, 1 tank truck, 1 sidecar motorcycle and 1 field kitchen, including B 4-88-09, B 4-88-10, B 9-67-00, C 7-63-42, and /2-48-07, left the station toward Zeitz. Between 25 August and 4 September, the barracks installation in Gera-Tinz was occupied by an estimated 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. At 6:30 a.m. on 25 August, about 250 troops had fallen in for a roll call. About 60 soldiers engaged in physical training and about 90 soldiers in drill and theoretical instruction on 25 August. Trucks B 3-83-74, C 1-33-17 and /3-27-64 were seen en route to the installation.<sup>2</sup>

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6. Between 25 August and 4 September, the Reuss Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops. Since recently, the troops were permitted to leave the installation until 10 p.m. and to visit German restaurants and mix with the German population. On 4 September, 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport and artillery insignia and a few, AT insignia entered the installation. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the 308th Arty Brig (US) of the Eighth Gds Army stationed there had still been at Chdruf on 2 September.

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